

Press release: Arrest -- Possession of a Firearm by Prohibited Person -- Possession of Stolen Property -- Possession of Controlled Substances for Sales

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Incident: Arrest -- Possession of a Firearm by Prohibited Person -- Possession of Stolen Property -- Possession of Controlled Substances for Sales

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Power Storage, 1661 South Victoria Avenue Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: April 4, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit and Patrol

Suspect(s): Christopher Cavola, 34 yrs of Ventura

Report #: 14-04187

Narrative:

Over the past two years, the Ventura Police Department's Street Crimes Unit has had an ongoing investigation into complaints of criminal activity at Power Storage at 1661 S. Victoria Avenue in Ventura.

The complaints have included ongoing burglaries from various storage units, sales of stolen property, sales of weapons, and sales of narcotics.

During the course of the investigation, the primary suspect was identified as Christopher Cavola, who was employed at the business as a maintenance worker. He has a long history of property crimes and drug related offenses, and he is also the son of the manager of the business. The investigation revealed that Cavola was living on sight inside one of the storage units, and he was using various storage units to store stolen property and drugs.

On April 4, 2014, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Street Crimes Unit, with the assistance of patrol, served a search warrant at the business. The suspect was found inside of a storage unit that had been converted into a living area, and it was adjacent to several other storage units that he had been accessing. Detectives located a loaded, sawed off shotgun in the suspect's possession, and he was found to be in possession for sales of both heroin and methamphetamine. The subsequent search of the adjacent storage units revealed an additional stolen rifle (from a recent residential burglary in Ventura), ballistic body armor, and other items. All of the identified stolen property from the investigation was returned to the rightful owners.

At the conclusion of the search, Cavola was booked into Ventura County Jail for the above listed charges.